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SUBJECT: WHEREABOUTS REQUEST -- FOLLOW-UP ON AMCITS HARRY WU AND  
SUE HOWELL

REF: (A) 95 BEIJING 27393 (B) 95 BISHKEK 1542. (C) 95 STATE 151840

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ACTION POSTS' RAPID RESPONSE  
TO OUR REQUEST (REF A) FOR INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS  
OF AMCITS HARRY WU AND SUE HOWELL.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED THE CONTACT WHO BROUGHT THIS CASE TO  
OUR ATTENTION OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON HOWELL AND  
ON WU'S POSSIBLE DETENTION, SO HE MIGHT COMMUNICATE WITH  
THEIR FAMILIES. WU'S WIFE WILL ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT  
WITH CHINA DESK DIRECTOR KEYSER, SO HE CAN KEEP HER  
UPDATED ON DEVELOPMENTS.

3. IN A LATE BREAKING DEVELOPMENT, AMB. COURTNEY IN  
ALMATY CALLED DON KEYSER THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT HE HAS  
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SUE HOWELL, WHO IS NOW IN ALMATY.  
HE WILL MEET WITH HER LATER TODAY AND WILL PROVIDE A  
READOUT BY CABLE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF POST WOULD URGENTLY FOLLOW  
UP AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN MFA TO ASCERTAIN WU'S  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND CONDITION. IF HE IS IN  
DETENTION, PLEASE SET UP A CONSULAR VISIT AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

5. DUE TO THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY AND THE POTENTIALLY  
HIGH LEVEL OF CONGRESSIONAL AND MEDIA INTEREST IN THIS  
CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF POSTS WOULD CLOSELY HOLD  
ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED. PLEASE SLUG ANY REPORTING  
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